## **RESILIENT FARMS CONFERENCE** Agenda





8:00 a.m. | REGISTRATION OPEN

9:00 a.m. | WELCOME - Pam Jahnke, Mid-West Farm Report

KEYNOTE - Tom Arnold, Arnold's Farm, Elizabeth, IL: Three Decades of Resiliency and Innovation

10:00 - 11:50 a.m. | BREAKOUT SESSIONS | Trade show and curbside consultations also available at this time.

		INTENSIVE SESSIONS		
10:00- 10:20	Dairy Composting John Rosenow, COWSMO	Income from your Woods-Maple Syrup Andy Rowe Many Maples Sugar Bush	Grant Opportunities Overview Diane Mayerfeld Sustainable Agriculture Coordinator, UW-Extension	Farm Financials Paul Dietmann, Compeer Financial
10:30- 10:50	Value Added Product: Dairy Focus Ron Henningfeld, Hill Valley Dairy	Income from your Woods-Timber Harvesting/Logging Andy Rowe Rowe's Forest Products	Identifying the Unique Strengths of Your Farm Tera Johnson, Food Finance Institute	
11:00- 11:20	Organic and Conventional Crops: Finding your Mix Megan Wallendal, Wallendal Farms	<b>Agritourism</b> Kyle Vesperman, Vesperman Farms	FSA Programs Nicole Allison, FSA	Direct Marketing 101 Lois Federman, Something Special from Wisconsin™, WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
11:30- 11:50	Grant Opportunities with Compeer Financial Karen Schieler and Melanie Olson	Agritourism Farm Stays Dan Wegmeuller, Wegmeuller Farm	Leasing your Land Paul Dietmann, Compeer Financial	

12:00 p.m. | LUNCH

1:00 – 2:50 p.m. | BREAKOUT SESSIONS | Trade show and curbside consultations also available at this time.

	SPEED SESSIONS			INTENSIVE SESSIONS
1:00- 1:20	Dairy Retail vs. Farmgate Price Norm Monsen, WIDATCP	Financials & Marketing: What about Hemp? Leah Sandler, Michael Fields Agricultural Institute	Legal Track: Business Structure Rachel Armstrong, Farm Commons	Creating a Practical Commodity Marketing Plan Brenda Oft & Clint McLaughlin, MidWest Market Management
1:30- 1:50	<b>Developing your Farm Product Brand</b> Jenni Gavin, Gavin Farms & Compeer Financial	Cooperatives 101: How to Get Started Kelly Maynard, Center for Cooperatives	Legal Track: Insurance and Liability Rachel Armstrong, Farm Commons	
2:00- 2:20	Conservation Method: Prairie Strips Charles Hammer, Hammer & Kavazanjian Farms; Craig Ficenec, Sand County Foundation	Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Kate Rowe Burr Oak Gardens	Legal Track: Human Resource Management Rachel Armstrong, Farm Commons	Succession Planning Joy Kirkpatrick, UW-Center for Dairy Profitability
2:30- 2:50	Specialty Grains and Value Added Processing Gilbert Williams, Lonesome Stone Milling	Transitioning Industries: Dairy to Wine David Danzinger, Danzinger Winery	Legal Track: Partnering with Another Enterprise or Person Rachel Armstrong, Farm Commons	

3:00 p.m. | **RESILIENCY WRAP UP** - Hear from a panel of farmers and industry representatives on how to move your ideas from today into evaluation and action over the next 90 days.

4:00 p.m. | CONFERENCE ENDS - See you next year!

